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<u>AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111</u>

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Further to the May 22, 2002 Request for Reconsideration, please amend the above-

identified application as follows:

<u>IN THE CLAIMS</u>:

Please replace claims 1 and 10 as follows:

1.   (Amended) A method of processing image data of a color image for marking,

the color image containing overmarked pixels where at least one first color is to be

overmarked by a second color, the method comprising:

generating information that designates the overmarked pixels;

performing raster image processing to create a raster image of the color image,

the raster image processing including overmarking processing that allows both the at least

one first color and the second color to be included in the overmarked pixels in the same raster

image; and

modifying image data of the overmarked pixels in the raster image.